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In re the Application of: **KATO, et al.**

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For: **METHOD FOR MEASURING THYROGLOBULIN**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 5, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 for **one** month from **December 21, 2003** to **January 21, 2004**.

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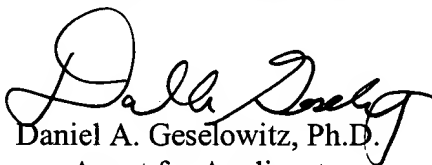
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